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Legislature Approves Resolutions Sponsored by Brownell Seeking Relief on PFOA Issue

The Rensselaer County Legislature approved three resolutions at the September 14, 2016 meeting seeking financial relief for residents impacted by the PFOA issue in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, including federal tax credits for residents, Chair of the Legislature Stan Brownell announced.

The resolutions call for federal income tax credit for residents in both communities, establishment of a more uniform national PFOA standard, and resolution requesting establishment of public information site and database to inform residents of remediation efforts in both communities.

The three resolutions were unanimously approved by legislators, and will be sent to federal representatives of the county in Washington. The three resolutions were introduced and sponsored by Brownell.

Brownell has attended numerous meetings and forums on the PFOA issue since the issue was discovered several months ago, and worked with officials on the county and local levels to address the issue.

“The PFOA issue has disrupted the lives of many residents in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, and residents need some measure of relief and attention. These resolutions seek to provide financial compensation via a federal income tax credit,” said Brownell.

“There is also a significant need for more information to residents on the PFOA remediation effort, including the maintenance of testing devices, filters, and other equipment. Currently, there is a gap between what residents need in information and what is being presented,” added Brownell.

Brownell said he envisions having the federal Environmental Protection Agency maintain a dedicated website for the PFOA remediation effort.

“Providing clear, consistent and open communication with the public and local elected officials will help ensure the success of the remediation effort and get real results for residents,” said Brownell.

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